

Judge Migdalia Lopez

Judge Migdalia Lopez has nearly 30 years of judicial experience and 10 years of prosecutorial experience. The calling to support her community has led her to be on the Harlingen School Board, helping it win Best School Board in Texas, work with troubled youth at the Darrell B. Hester Juvenile Justice Center, and donate the products of her passion – quilts – to a number of charitable organizations to fundraiser for positive, local projects.

Though a lifelong Democrat, Judge Migdalia's character of having strong integrity and belief in a fair justice system are only a couple of reasons why Republican Texas Governors Rick Perry and Greg Abbott appointed her to statewide judicial boards aimed at bringing the protections of law to all people in every corner of the state.

During her years as a prosecutor, she worked alongside law enforcement to enforce the rule of law. Due to the nature of the cases, and the fact many other prosecutors did not have the stomach for it, she worked mostly on cases involving domestic violence and child abuse. The belief that love does not result in violence pushed her to zealously advocate for the victims of such crimes. She helped officers put together strong cases that would have the best chance at convicting the guilty while protecting those who were innocent. This resulted in a strong relationship between local law enforcement and herself which has maintained to this day. Her reputation amongst the law enforcement community has resulted in her being trusted to review the highly confidential public corruption warrants and be nominated by two federal agents for the FBI Citizens Academy.

As a proud Puerto Rican woman raised during the Civil Rights era, Judge Migdalia is determined to protect our civil liberties through the equitable application of the law. The belief that every person has an unalienable right to be free from intrusive government no matter their race, religion, gender, national origin, color, economic status, or sexual orientation is at the core of her belief system. By utilizing the "well-behaved women seldom make history" mentality, she became the first Latina to be elected to a County Court at Law bench as well as a District Court bench in Cameron County.

Judge Migdalia is known as tough but fair. In her most recent trial, a death penalty case, both the family of a murdered Border Patrol agent and the attorneys for the defendants thanked Judge Migdalia for being fair to all sides. No matter the charges, or the type of case, everyone deserves a fair trial. Fair to the prosecutors, fair to the defense.

Judge Migdalia has nearly 30 years of judicial experience. Experiences of how trials actually work. Experience of how these rulings effect citizens. Experience of how laws are made to help people, not suppress them.